

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 740 - HB 1273**

March 10, 2015

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes the formation of public charter schools that are designed specifically for the academic needs of a specific set of students. Such schools may limit their enrollment to a specific subset of students. Prohibits the reduction of a public charter school's application score by an authorizing body solely on the basis that the public charter school is designed for a specific subset of students with specific academic needs. Such public charter schools shall not be subject to the provisions of Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-13-113 (b)-(d) relative to enrollment of public charter school students.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Other Fiscal Impact – To the extent new public charter schools are authorized as a result of this bill, additional state and local Basic Education Program (BEP) funding will shift from a local education agency (LEA) to the public charter school. The extent of any such future shifts in BEP funding is unknown and cannot be reasonably quantified.**

Assumptions:

- Public charter schools that are designed to meet the academic needs of a specific group of students will follow the same application process as other public charter schools and will be reviewed during the annual application process.
- Any shift in state and local BEP funding will be dependent upon multiple unknown factors, including but limited to, whether a public charter school's application is approved by an authorizing entity; the number of students that seek enrollment in the public charter school; the enrollment capacity of the public charter school; and the fiscal capacity of the LEA in which the public charter school opens.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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